REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	13 May 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Hooked on Sex
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Royce/ Magcorp
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display conditions:

Section 27

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package
and
That where the publication is publicly displayed in a package, the package must be made of opaque material
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine *Hooked on Sex* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years owing to the explicit depictions of sexual activity.

The magazine consists of explicit depictions of sexual activity between a number of different couples and groups. Equipment associated with sadomasochism is presented in one photo series. Two photographs depict a woman with her wrists restrained. However, this theme is not developed to any significant extent or degree. Some of the photographs have a close focus on genitals which has the effect of degrading and dehumanising the participants. This is particularly so on the back cover. However, the close focus photographs are not a dominant part of the publication as a whole.

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